

I. ELECTION

Applicants elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-13 and 16-20), as drawn to a method of controlled ovarian hyperstimulation in a mammalian female, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants further elect the following species without traverse:

- a. From the FSH substances, Applicants elect recombinant FSH and amounts thereof
- b. From the GnRH antagonists, Applicants elect ganirelix and amounts thereof
- c. From the LH substances, Applicants elect recombinant LH and amounts thereof
- d. From the ML substances, Applicants elect urinary hCG and amounts thereof

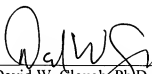
Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the remaining allegedly distinct groups in one or more continuing or divisional applications. Claims 1-20 are readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that the generic claims are allowable and that all species may be properly rejoined and such rejoinder is requested.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this application.

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Appendix A

- Group I. Claims 1-13 and 16-20, drawn to a method of controlled ovarian hyperstimulation in a mammalian female; and
- Group II. Claims 14-15, drawn to a pharmaceutical kit.